GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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TRAINING CAMPS IN POK
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is aware that the Pakistani Intelligence Agency I.S.I. has re-activated terrorist training camps in Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK);

(b) if so, the approximate number of terrorists, reported to be present in PoK;

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Union Government to stop the cross border infiltration in J&K; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to counter the insurgency in J&K?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 149 FOR 15.7.2004

Recent reports indicate that some terrorist training camps and launching pads in Pakistan and Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) have been re-activated.

India has been consistently asking Pakistan to put an end to cross border infiltration and terrorism into India and to dismantle the infrastructure of support to terrorism in Pakistan.

The Government`s strategy for tackling the problem of cross-border infiltration from Pakistan and PoK into Jammu & Kashmir, consists of a multi-tiered arrangement which includes a forward tier of troop deployment, assisted by surveillance devices, and fencing along the Line of Control.

These counter infiltration efforts are dynamic. Since the infiltration routes are ever changing, these are being countered by use of improved technology weapons and communication equipment by the security forces, improved intelligence and operational coordination facilitates an immediate response to neutralize the terrorists attempting to intrude.

Counter terrorism measures are reviewed periodically by the Government so as to keep improving their effectiveness.